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STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY AND MINERALS DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED BY THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

> CASE NO. 7547 Order No. R-6959

APPLICATION OF ANADARKO PRODUCTION COMPANY FOR AN UNORTHODOX OIL WELL LOCATION, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This cause came on for hearing at 9 a.m. on April 14, 1982, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard L. Stamets.

NOW, on this <u>28th</u> day of April, 1982, the Division Director, having considered the testimony, the record, and the recommendations of the Examiner, and being fully advised in the premises,

FINDS:

(1) That due public notice having been given as required by law, the Division has jurisdiction of this cause and the subject matter thereof.

(2) That the applicant, Anadarko Production Company, seeks approval of an unorthodox oil well location 2550 feet from the North line and 1350 feet from the West line of Section 15, Township 22 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, to test the Grayburg formation, Penrose Skelly Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.

(3) That the SE/4 NW/4 of said Section 15 is to be dedicated to the well.

(4) That a well at said unorthodox location will better enable applicant to produce the oil underlying the proration unit.

(5) That no offset operator objected to the proposed unorthodox location.

(6) That approval of the subject application will afford the applicant the opportunity to produce its just and equitable share of the oil in the subject pool, will prevent the economic -2-Case No. 7547 Order No. R-6959

loss caused by the drilling of unnecessary wells, avoid the augmentation of risk arising from the drilling of an excessive number of wells, and will otherwise prevent waste and protect correlative rights.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

(1) That the application of Anadarko Production Company for an unorthodox oil well location for the Grayburg formation is hereby approved for a well to be located at a point 2550 feet from the North line and 1350 feet from the West line of Section 15, Township 22 South, Range 37 East, NMPM, Penrose Skelly Pool, Lea County, New Mexico.

(2) That the SE/4 NW/4 of said Section 15 shall be dedicated to the above-described well.

(3) That jurisdiction of this cause is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION I'm P JOE D. RAMEY Director

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